S.No.	State	Request
23.	Uttar Pradesh	Special central assistance to the extent of extra expenditure.
24.	West Bengal	50% of the additional burden of Rs. 2500 crore annually as grant from the Central Government.

Credit to Private Steel producing Companies

*185. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the IDBI advanced any credit to the private steel producing companies during 1998-99;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any security was obtained from these companies for advancing the credit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. IDBI has reported that it has sanctioned loans aggregating Rs. 726 crore to six private sector steel producing companies in 1998-99.

(c) IDBI has reported that in line with its policy regarding sanctioning of such loans, appropriate securities are taken which include mortagage and first charge on all fixed assets of a company, and first charge on all present and future movable and immovable assets of the company.

Upgradation of Airports in the North Eastern Region

*186. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a task force is looking after the review/upgradation of North-East airports and aircraft; and

(b) if so, the progress/ recommendations made for modernisation of North-East airports/ aircraft?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir. A Task Force with Secretary, Civil Aviation, as the Chairman and consisting of members from the Ministry of Civil Aviation, Ministry of Home Affairs, Airports Authority of India, Indian Airlines, North East Council and DGCA has been constituted to examine and make recommendations to facilitate improvement in airport infrastructure and airlinks in the North East Region.

(b) The Task Force in its first phase of inspection of the airports in the North East visited Silchar (Assam), Imphal (Manipur), Aizwal (Mizoram), Agartala (Tripura) during January, 1999. The other airports in the North-East will also be visited by the Task Force soon for making consolidated recommendations.

बैंक कर्मियों की हड़ताल के कारण हुआ नुकसान

*187. **श्री रामजीलाल** : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क)क्या यह सच है कि 12 जनवरी, 1999 और 25 तथा 26 फरवरी, 1999 को भी देश में बैंक कर्मियों ने हड़ताल की थी;

(ख)यदि हां,तो उसके क्या कारण थे तथा बैंक कर्मियों की मुख्य मांगे क्या थी;

(ग)उनकी मांगों के प्रति सरकार का दृष्टिकोण क्या हैं; और

(घ)इस हड़ताल के कारण देश को कुल कितना नुकसान हुआ?

वित्त मंत्रालय (बैंकिंग, राजस्व और बीमा) में राज्य मंत्री (श्री कादम्बूर एम0आर0 जर्नादन) : (क) जी, हां।

(ख)वेतन संशोधन के शीघ्र निपटारे की अपनी मुख्य मांग के समर्थन में बड़ी संख्या में बैंक कर्मचारियों ने हड़ताल की थी।

(ग) और (घ) एक विवरण संलग्न हैं।

विवरण

बैंक कर्मचारियों के वेतन, भत्ते और अन्य मल सेवा शर्ते बैंक प्रबन्धन का प्रतिनिधित्व करने वाले भारतीय बैंक संघ और मुख्य कर्मकार यूनियनों/अधिकारी परिसंघों के प्रतिनिधियों के बीच द्विपक्षीय समझौते के माध्यम से निर्धारित किए जाते हैं।

भारतीय बैंक संघ और कर्मकार यूनियनों / अधिकारी परिसंघों के बीच समझौता वार्ता के लिए ऐ वर्तमान मंच हैं। इस मंच के अंतर्गत बातचीत चल रही हैं। इसके अतिरिक्त, क्षेत्रीय श्रम आयुक्त के स्तर पर सुलह प्रक्रिया चल रही हैं। कर्मकार यूनियनों / अधिकारी परिसंघों के हड़ताल पर जाने के निर्णय और अपने मतभेदों का समाधान करने के लिए समझधैता वार्ता के लिए विद्यमान मंच का प्रयोग न करने से आम जनता को असुविधा होती है और इससे व्यापार और उद्योग के कारबारी कार्यकलाप प्रभावित होते हैं। इस मद पर हानि की मात्रा का हिसाब नहीं लगाया जा सकता हैं। सरकार का चिवार है कि इन मुद्दों को सौहार्दपूण्र बातचीत के माध्यम से सर्वोत्तम तरीके से हल किया जा सकता हैं।

Subsidy on Fertilizers

*188. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to phase out subsidy on fertilizers in the near future;

(b) if so, the details of the policy of Government in this regard;

(c) whether Government have made any assessment of the implications of the withdrawal of the subsidy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): (a) There, is no such proposal under the consideration of the Government.

(b) to (d) In view of (a) above questions do not rise.

Air Service from Bilaspur (M.P.)

*189. SHRI LAKKHIRAM AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a well maintained airstrip (airport) already exists at Bilaspur (Madhya Pradesh) which has been operative for the Central Government/State Government aircrafts;

(b) whether it is proposed to be linked with Delhi-Bhopal and other stations by the Indian Airlines; if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Government of Madhya Pradesh and other associations of the area have sent proposals for the opening of airport at Bilaspur; and

(d) if so, the action taken thereon by Government?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): while there is an airstrip at Bilasspur suitable for 30 seater type of aircraft the same is not beign maintained in operational condition because no airline has projected any requirement to operate from this airstrip.

(b) Bilarspur is about 90 kilometers (forty eight nautical miles) away from Raipur and the need of passengers to/ from Bilaspur are at present met by Indian Airlines/Alliance Air Services through Raipur. There are no plans at present to link Bilaspur with Delhi and Bhopal or any other station.

(c) Requests have been received for operation of flights to Bilaspur.

(d) Government has laid down route dispersal guidelines with a view to achieve better regulation of air transport